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Applicant(s)	Schmitt, et al.	Examiner:	Jackson, Suzette Jamie
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For:	THINLY WOVEN FLEXIBLE GRAFT		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO**  
**37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 10, 2002, a reply to which is due  
January 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

✓ Please cancel claims 17-32.

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